



COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR – Somali Community Vaccine Project

July 12, 2021 - August 27, 2021 (7 weeks)

\$17.75 per hour - 12 hours per week

(Internal/External Posting)

3 positions available

Jane/Finch Centre is a community based organization driven by passion, innovation and a strong commitment to social justice, community engagement and collaboration. Our vision is a healthy community – strong, inclusive, socially and politically active through diversity, opportunity and participation.

The Somali Community Vaccine Project is a summer campaign supporting COVID-19 vaccine confidence within the Somali community in Northwest Toronto. In collaboration with Somali community leaders, community organizations and community health centres, the project team will attempt to remove barriers, address concerns and tackle misinformation about the COVID-19 vaccine through information sharing, discussions and various outreach initiatives. The Project was formed as part of the City of Toronto's Vaccine Community Innovation Challenge.

The Position:

Working collaboratively with the Project Team, the community ambassadors are responsible for ongoing outreach to Somali communities in Northwest Toronto, and for promoting vaccine confidence within the target community. The successful candidates are expected to perform the majority of their work in person wearing personal protective equipment (i.e., masks and gloves), and following COVID-19-specific public health and Jane/Finch Centre guidelines.

Key Responsibilities:

- Help distribute COVID-19 related materials and information to community members, religious centres and TCH buildings in Northwest Toronto (Jane/Finch, Black Creek and Rexdale).
- Develop relationships with community members based on trust, respect, and honesty.
- Support the planning and delivery of COVID-19 vaccine information sessions/town halls.
- Refer community members to appropriate resources and supports within the community.
- Complete administrative tasks on an ongoing basis including recording outreach impact throughout the 7 week period.
- Provide input into ongoing project, content development, and outreach initiatives.
- Ensure that proper sanitation and distancing measures are being followed.

Qualifications & Key Requirements:

- Minimum of one year of work or volunteer experience with vulnerable populations.
- Proficiency in speaking, reading and writing in Somali is required.
- Experience working/volunteering in a community outreach setting is preferred.
- Knowledge/familiarity and experience working with the Somali community in Toronto is preferred.
- Strong understanding of the specialized needs of the Somali community who may be experiencing challenges related to accessing the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Knowledge of and sensitivity to the life experiences and diverse needs, identities and backgrounds of the Somali community in Toronto.
- Sensitivity to people from different socio-economic backgrounds.
- Proven commitment to organizational principles of anti-discrimination and anti-oppression
- May be required to work during evenings and weekends, and from a variety of locations within Northwest Toronto (transportation stipend available)
- Required to wear personal protective equipment including mask and gloves (which will be provided to you by the Jane/Finch Centre).

To apply please submit resumes and cover letters as one attachment to vhilc@janefinchcentre.org

Applications should be received no later than **4:00pm on July 5, 2021** and should reference “**Community Ambassador - Vaccine Project**” in the subject line.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND ACCOMMODATION

Jane/Finch Centre is committed to having a workforce that is reflective of the diversity of the Toronto community and of our participants. We strongly encourage applications from: racialized persons, Indigenous persons, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientation or gender identity, and all those who can provide different perspectives.

Jane/Finch Centre is committed to hiring practices that are inclusive and barrier free and will provide reasonable and appropriate accommodation during all stages of the hiring process in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code in order to ensure the equal and fair assessment of all job applicants. Applicants are asked to make any accommodation request in advance.